Wonderful Mercys
AND
Deliverance,

Or, a True Account of
God's great Providence,

In the Miraculous Preservation of the Life of *Samuel Ollor*, of the parish of *Etchingham*, in the Country of *Sussex*; who falling into an Apoplectick Fit, being alone by a large Fire fell into it, Burned his face almost to a Cole: also his two Hands, and other Parts; and how by the Wonderful mercy of God, he Revived from his Fit, and got out of the Fire, and lay Thirty weeks in Cure, losing by this Accident both his Eyes, the Gristle of his Nose, had several bones taken out of his Head, lost both his Hands, and is a most sad and miserable Spectacle, and a true Object of Charity; also how he lived sixteen Weeks, was fed by a feather and then his Mouth came to be wrenched open: also a Testimony of his good Life and behaviour; by several Eminent Persons, particularly Justice *Browen*, Justice *Apsly*, and Sir *William Thomas*, Knight and Barronet, and *John Thort*, the Surgeon that Cured him, living at the Town of *Hawkhurst* in *Kent*.

Being a means to shew God's *Mercy to all; and move every Christian to Charity.*

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Wonderful Mercys, &c.

WOnderful, great, and manifold, are the Mercys of Almighty God, in his particular care and protection over the Children of Men, who without his governing Providence, that continually watches to keep them from innumerable dangers, were but wretched and miserable creatures, subject to a thousand Casualtys and misfortunes, to afflict them in this World, as loss of Limbs, sight, Diseases, and sudden Death; but such is his infinite Love and Goodness towards us, that he makes even his Angels Ministring Spirits, to be servicable to us, not only to uphold and strengthen us against hurtful shafts that fly by day, but also the terrors of the night, even from the hurts of the body and troubles of the mind, and though he does afflict us sometimes, it is to make us Remember our ways, and see the wonders of his mercys, that are evident in snatching us out of fire, water, & many other Perils, which else would destroy us from the Land of the living.

We find he Delivered Holy David *out of many Eminent Dangers, as from the Paws of the Lyon and the Bear, gave him Deliverance from, and Victory over the mighty Giant* Goliah

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of Gath, *when he had terrified the Armys of* Israel, *and none would undertake beside this Stripling, to Fight against him, and after that he saved him from many Eminent Dangers whom persecuted by* Saul; *he sent his Angels to deliver the three Children from the Rage of the fiery Furnance (which consumed, notwithstanding those that cast them in) changeing the Nature of the fire from them into the soft breathing of a Whistling Wind; and when they were taken out, not so much as the smell of it had passed upon their garments.*

He in mercy and Favour, shut up the mouths of the Ravenous *Lyons*, when his servant *Daniel* was cast into their Den, so that they had no power to hurt him, though hungry and Ravenous as appears when his malicious accusers were cast in; over whom they soon got the mastery, breaking their bones, e're they came to the bottom of the Den; we find further his *Infinite* care and *providence over the Jews in* their Captivity under *Ahasuerus*, for when they were all doomed to destruction and slaughter, by the wicked procurement of *Hammon*, God heard their Prayers, and turned the intended mischief on their Enemy, who hated them, and sought their lives, to bring them down to the Grave.

I might mention many more, as the Delivence of *Lot* from the destruction of *Sodom* and *omorrah*, *Jacob* from the wrath and fury of his rother *Esau*, the *Israelites* from their cruel ondage & Oppression, and under the Tyrany of

Pharoah King of *Ægypt*, and many others, but my self having had a wonderful sence of his mercys and miraculous deliverance, for which his holy Name be for ever praised; I shall pass them over, and come to give a faithful Relation of what happened in me, and in what miraculous manner God was pleased in the midst of death to preserve my life, *viz.*

I *Samuel Oller*, born in the Parish of *Hawkhurst*, in the County of *Kent*, being at *Apledoor* in the same County: whilst I was making a considerable fire it then burning up in a great flame, had the misfortune (none being with me but God to help me) fell into an Appoplectick fit, and from my seat fell directly into the fire with all my fore part, my face & Arms lying on it unable to rise, or make any noise, so that i might not be heard by any one; the raging flames, as i suppose, soon consumed my hair, and such Part of my cloaths as it catch'd hold on, and in it lay burning, & broiling senceless, in a miserable and deplorable condition, a very considerable time as appears by the damage I received, till God of his infinite mercy taking pitty on me a miserable Creature, stretched forth his saving Arm of help in time of need, and plucked me as a brand out of the flame, to remain a living monument of his goodness, and providential care over me, for when my face was in a manner burnt and shriveled up, and the Marrow of my bones broiling and consuming with the fervent heat, Restored me so much sence as to Recover my self, without any other help, but his Divine assistance

nce, out of the fire; for at that time none of the family was up to Relieve me, till by my pettious moans, being awakened, my Friends coming, beheld the lamentable Condition I was in with affrightment; being amazed (ſo conſumed as I was) that *I* could be alive; for my face was burned and ſhriveled up ſo black, that it looked like a Cinder, (being as it were) burned to pieces, by which means *I* loſt both my Eyes, and part of one of my Ears; the Griſtle of my Noſe being burnt in ſunder.

In this lamentable Condition they found me; both my hands being miſerably burnt, likewiſe, which ſince I loſt utterly, and in a convenient time, one *John Thort*, Surgeon; living in the Town of *Hawkhurſt* in *Kent* aforeſaid, undertook my Cure, in this deſperate and deplorable Condition, which (through God's mercy and aſſiſtance) upon his endeavours was performed as to the ſaving of my life, though otherways miſerably martyred by the effects of the fire, as appears by me this Day; for beſides the Damage mentioned, and the unaccountable torture and torment I endured: part of my Jawbone was taken out, and four ſmall bones ſcaled off, or taken out of my Noſe.

I lay under Cure the ſpace of Thirty Weeks, in ſixteen of which (my mouth being ſhrivel'd up) I took no manner of ſuſtenance to ſupport Nature, but what was put in with a *Feather*, ſo that (for that time) no body expected

pected my life; nor was I in that time any thing a hungry, or desirous of Food; but then I began to be desirous of more sustenance, but could get in no other till my mouth was wrenched open with an instrument, having been stupified, and the Nerves shrunk up by the force of the fire; and then (ever praised be God) I could Eat and Drink in moderation, and from that time began to mend, so that there was hopes of my life.

In this miserable condition I Continued till the end of Thirty Weeks, a very miserable spectacle (as i am at this time) to behold, to move Charity and Compassion in all tender hearted Christian People; as having no Eyes, no Hands, and being otherways sadly Deformed, which has been my miserable condition from my full strength of Manhood, *viz.* The Twenty seventh Year of my Age; now inhabitant of *Etchingham*, in the Country of *Sussex*.

I am worthy Christians (by this being Disabled by fire) in a very helpless and deplorable Condition, a true object of your tender Compassion and Charity, unable to help my self in any calling or business; so that God, who in Mercy spared your sight and Limbs, I hope will move your Compassionate heart to a tender regard of my Miserys, who have been thus disabled above seventeen Years, and this true *Narra-*

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tive of my suffering, to set forth God's mercy and goodness in the preservation of my Life; I have thought fit (by the advice of some good Christian People) to make Publick to the world, that all may hear and see, and praise his Holy Name, who has thus wonderfully *Preserved* me from so Eminent a Destruction: and so I conclude this true *Narrative* of my sufferings, and deplorable condition, with the words of St *Paul.* 2. *Cor.* 1. 3. 4. *Blessed be God, even the Father of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, and the God of all comfort, who delivered us from so great a Death, and doth Deliver: in whom we trust that he will Yet Deliver us.*

The Testimony of divers Worthy Persons in Relation to the Truth of this Poor Man, as to his Suffering, and Honest Godly way of Living, &c.

Thos. Farnes, Esq; one of her Majestys Just. for the County of *Sussex*, does believe as to his sufferings, and the manner as Recieved; it is a Truth, and that this poor Man is a fit Object of Christian Charity.

Henry Apsley, Esq; One of her Majestys Justices of the Peace, declared that he knew this Poor Man many Years at the Quarter-Sessi-

Sessions, allowing the matter and manner of his suffering, by fire to be true, as in a petition there presented, mention was made to the effect aforesaid.

A great Number of the inhabitants of the places aforementioned, who have known him before and since his suffering, agree the contents to be true, and add, that he has all along liv'd a very Honest Godly life, from the Vices of Swearing, Drunkenness, or any other Notorious Sin: and whilst he was in a condition to support himself very labourious and industerous, being well Educated, and having lived well all his time, till this great affliction fell upon him, the Charge of which, and his disability to work, or be capable of following any imploy, having Reduced him to a [illegible] and necessitous condition, as a fit Object of Ch[illegible] his affliction; pr[illegible] and [illegible]ing G[illegible] his Mercy, in sav[illegible] is Life in so great and Eminent a Danger, [illegible] suffering him to live a monument of his [illegible]berly Comp[illegible]ssion, to the Glory of his Holy [illegible]me.

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